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## Better Americans Coming Up

Not long ago Professor Merriam of the University of Chicago raised considerable speculation by a series of lectures in which he said we are just entering a period when life and people are going to be consciously improved by scientific means not available before.

To a small extent these techniques are already being practised; enough to suggest their future course and effectiveness. An "annual report" on the nation's children by "Parent's Magazine" indicates what is already being done, in reports by Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau and by Surgeon-General Parran.

Miss Lenroot reports. The baby death rate has dropped 30 per cent in the five years from 1934 to 1939, but 50,000 babies die each year between the second and twelfth month of their lives; 70,000 before they are a month old.

The maternal death rate dropped 32 per cent between 1934 and 1939, yet nearly 10,000 maternal deaths were registered in 1938, at least half of them preventable.

Such things show how much has been done, how much remains to do. Improvements in both are attributed to Miss Lenroot to maternal and child health services in states and counties.

Dr. Parran joins in the hopeful preview of the future. "We have a new generation of children," he writes, who are both taller and heavier than their parents; whose chances of going through the first years of life without attack by the communicable diseases of childhood are greater whose general health care is far superior to that of a generation ago.

Scientific discoveries (and their application) did it. Improved city sanitation and milk supplies; prevention of certain diseases; new knowledge of nutrition, have largely come into effect within one generation. The word vitamin came into the language in 1911. The cause and cure of pellagra was announced 24 years ago. The same for rickets, 15 years ago. Nutritional science is even today in its more infancy.

National defense means that in 1941 additional attention will be devoted to the health of youth, military and industrial. Mass production of yellow fever vaccine, for instance, means likely security against exposure to yellow fever areas as defense zones, and a vaccine against smallpox.

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## OUT OUR WAY

COFFEE MADE, WES?

NO, TAIN'T! WES GOT HOLT O' TH' WRONG CAN AN' IS DRINKIN' DRY COFFEE! WHICH AIN'T SECH A BAD MISTAKE - WITH CURLY'S COFFEE!

I'M AFRAID WES IS GITTIN' TOO WESTERN -- WE DON'T COMPLAIN MUCH OUT HEAH, BUT GOOD GOSH, WE DON'T EXPECT A FELLER TO EAT MEAT THET AIN'T EVEN BEEN KNOCKED DOWN!

By J. R. Williams



## WE, THE WOMEN

Some "Christmas Problems" Are Worse Than Shopping

By RUSS MILLETT

Christmas gifts are often quite a problem—to the person who gets them. Take Papa, for instance, and the necktie Mama bought him with more Christmas enthusiasm than knowledge of Papa's taste in neckties. It was sweet of Mama and all that—but Papa would not be caught dead in that tie.

What can he do? Well, he can put on the necktie the first day after Christmas, and start for the office—with a proud look on his face. Then on the way to work he can duck into a store, buy another tie and switch.

By keeping his own selection in the office, he can change every time he feels it necessary to wear Mama's tie in a few weeks she'll forget it.

Then there's the man whose wife gives him the equipment for a nice outdoor sport—when all he wants to do Saturday and Sunday is loaf around in slacks and take his sports via the sports section of his newspaper.

What can he do? Well, he can always play a game or two and then strain a muscle—or he can develop a heart condition—nothing serious but necessitating his cutting out all active sports for a few months. By that time, Mama will forget about it.

And there's the woman whose well-meaning husband gives her something to wear that isn't in line with her own idea of chic. She can save her feelings—and her own—by wearing it when just the two of them go to a movie—or for a Sunday afternoon ride.

This Fellow Is Smart

Then there's the problem of knowing what to say when you get a present and don't know what it is—one of those gadgets that looks like it might do anything or nothing. A man told me the other day about a wary male who had solved the problem of what to say when proud parents had him tip-toe into the nursery to see a bundle from heaven. He always takes a look, beaus at the parents and says, "Now, THERE'S a baby." And, of course, he's right.

Why not borrow his inspired observation when you untie the present that looks like nothing you've ever seen before, and say with enthusiasm: "Now, THERE'S a present!"

## Answer to Cranium Cracker

Questions on Page One  
1. Bonneville dams the Columbia river in Oregon.  
2. Mormon Flat dams the Salt river in Arizona.  
3. Boulder dams the Colorado river in Arizona and Nevada.  
4. Fort Peck dams the Missouri river in Montana.  
5. Grand Coulee dams the Columbia river in Washington.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Two Collections Provide Rich Feast For 'Shorts' Fans

Two outstanding collections of short stories provide the nocturnal reader with an adequate supply of bedside reading. There is only one disadvantage in keeping the books handy—they are so compellingly interesting that you can't put them down.

The first is "Short Stories from the New Yorker" (Simon and Schuster; \$3) a volume including 68 short stories carefully selected from the 15-year-old file of the magazine. For variety, for excellent reading, the book is unsurpassed.

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MARKET REPORT

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Coward, McCann: \$3.50. Here are 24 love stories covering the period of California's history from 1775 to 1881. Each carries an historical preface, which sets the scene for the romance. Gertrude Atherton writes the introduction.

Particularly good are the stories of Reznov, the Russian, and California's first nun. Miss Atherton tells the same story in detail in a novel. And there is Tamsen Donner, wife of the leader of the ill-fated Donner expedition; Lola Montez, heroine of many romances; Jenkins the terrible, whose hand avenged the murder of his wife.

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Increasing Populace

London's growth is so rapid, it is estimated, that there are 5 half million people living on its borders for whom there are no church accommodations.

New horizons are ahead of us in every field, and the builders of better health are only one group among builders who must address themselves to the task of building a better world.

Fox Speed

The best speed of an average fox is estimated at about 20 miles per hour—faster than a coyote, but slower than a jackrabbit.

By J. R. Williams

## Bruce Catton Says:

By BRUCE CATTON, NEA Washington Correspondent

## Oil Expropriation Squabble Being Re-Examined

WASHINGTON -- Forth-coming departure from the State Department of Joseph Davies, wealthy former ambassador to Russia and Bolivia, is believed by oil men in Washington to foreshadow a friendlier attitude by this government toward Mexico and Mexico's oil problems.

For nearly a year Davies has been serving as special assistant to the secretary of state. Of late he has been devoting his time to making arrangements for the third term inaugural ceremonies, and his resignation at the State Department goes into effect Jan. 20.

Point of all this is that Davies is being replaced by Donald R. Riesenberg, his law partner. Riesenberg has been representing Standard Oil in Standard's controversy with Mexico over the expropriation of oil properties. Davies has exercised considerable influence in the State Department, and is generally credited with having supported policies which would not be unfavorable to Standard.

Coincident with his resignation are two important developments in the Mexican oil situation.

Mexico Works Quietly

In the first place, the whole question of the expropriation matter is being examined. No decisions have been made, and the new hearings have not gone far enough to give a definite line on what will be done. It can be said, though, that friendly conversations held in Mexico during the Avila Camacho inauguration are beginning to bear fruit.

Secondly, Mexico is quietly attempting to get an improved status in regard to shipments of low-duty crude oil to this country under the reductions granted by the Venezuelan trade treaty. Thereby hangs quite a tale.

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The Venezuelan trade treaty

# SOCIETY

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## Social Calendar

Saturday, December 28th  
Miss Sara Ann Holland will compliment Miss Mary Ann Lile, bride-elect, at an afternoon bridge party, the Barlow, 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Kendall Lemley and Mrs. Harry Lemley will compliment Miss Mary Ann Lile and her fiance, Remmel Young, at the rehearsal dinner, the Barlow, 7 o'clock.

Sunday, December 29th  
E. P. Young, Young Jr. will entertain at a bachelor breakfast honoring Remmel Young, Barlow, 9 a.m.

Mondays, December 30th  
The Executive committee of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist church, the church, 2:30 o'clock. All old and new officers are urged to attend.

Candlelight Tea is Given by Miss Mary Hayes for Miss Lile

An outstanding event of the winter social season was the candlelight tea given by Miss Mary Hayes on Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 in honor of Miss Mary Ann Lile, bride-elect, Remmel Hughes Young.

At the door was Mrs. Harry J. Lemley, who invited the guests into the living room. Noted in the spacious room as the guests entered were baskets of white gladioli and carnations backgrounded by Southern sunflowers intertwined with clusters of silver wedding bells. The mantel was banked with greenery and graduated glowing white tapers glowed in silver holders.

Mrs. Charles Hayes, mother of the hostess, introduced the guests to the hostess, who headed the receiving line in the music room. Floor candleabra bearing slender burning tapers against the smoky lanterns which included Miss Mary Hayes, Miss Mary Ann Lile, Mrs. L. M. Lile, Mrs. E. R. Young, Miss Janet Lemley, Miss Sunshine Lile of Jonesboro, Miss Martha White, Miss Marion Smith, Miss Martha Houston and Miss Martha Lynn Ryle of Gurdon. The hostess selected a white grape tea gown with accents of gold kid for the occasion and the honoree was gowned in an antebellum gown of pink brocade with blue trim.

Miss Mamie Twifield invited the guests from the music room to the gift room, which was upstairs. There Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. A. J. Lile, and Mrs. E. S. Greening dispensed hospitalities.

The green and white motif was again carried out in the dining room, where Mrs. Kline Snyder invited the guests for tea. The same flowers were repeated in the decorations. Covering the serving table was an imported cut-work cloth. A large circle of white carnations, pompons, chrysanthemums, maiden hair fern, and candytuft was used to make the wedding ring centering the table. Burning green candles nestled in the flowers represented the prongs of the ring. Mrs. J. G. Martindale presided at the hand-silver service and Miss Julia Lemley served the ices. They were assisted in serving by Mrs. Frank Howson, Mrs. L. W. Young, Miss Sara Ann Holland, Miss Mary Wilson, and Miss

Daisy Dorothy Heard.

Mrs. J. J. Battle of Fulton invited the callers into the reception room, where they were asked to sign the bride's book presented over by Miss Alice Lile, sister of the honoree, and the Misses Mary Carolyn and Adolphine Andrews of McAllen, Texas.

Christmas flowers including poinsettias, cyclamen were artistically arranged in the sun room. A glowing fire in the huge fireplace added a festive air to the room.

A large number of guests called between the appointed afternoon hours.

Girls Cotillion Club Has First

Formal on Friday Evening

An important event of Friday was the dance given at the Hope Country club by the members of the Girls Cotillion club. Christmas greens and glowing red tapers were featured in the seasonal decorations of the spacious club room. Thomas Kinsel and his orchestra furnished the music for the evening.

During the evening the following members of the newly organized social club of the city and their escorts led the grand march: Miss Louise Hagan and Dr. A. L. Hurdle, Miss Daisy Dorothy Heard and Jack Roberts, Miss Mary Dela Carrigan and Wingfield Strand, Miss Elizabeth Strand and James Butler, Miss Mary Lemley and Ed Nourse, Miss Jane Orion and James Cantley, Miss Nell Williams and Bill Garren, Miss Mary Ann Lile and Remmel Young, Miss Josephine Morris and Ed Jack McCabe, Miss Mary Whitworth and Frank Kirk, Miss Patricia Duffie and Chester Holloman, and Miss Ruth Atkins and Jack Fielding.

Mrs. Robert M. LaGrone Jr., one of the sponsors of the organization, and Mr. LaGrone were among those present.

One hundred guests were listed in the club's guest book.

## Personal Mention

Bob Ligon and Charles Dews of Philadelphia were Friday visitors in the city and attended the Cotillion on Friday night at the Country club.

Mrs. Bennie Ship, nee Margaret McRae, of Little Rock is the house guest of Miss Mable Ethridge and Mrs. W. Y. Foster.

Mrs. A. C. Whitehurst will leave for Fulton to resume her duties as a member of the Fulton Schools faculty after a pleasant holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Whitten have returned to their home in Gladewater, Texas after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlest Brown of Benton spent Christmas with relatives in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allison have returned from a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burton, in Lewisville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kinard had as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kinard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinard and daughter, Nancy Ann, of Junction City and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinard of El Dorado.

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Mrs. Burgher Jones and children, Lynda Alice and Burgher, of Conway are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laister and daughter, Betty Jean, have returned to their home in Little Rock after a week's visit with relatives and friends in the city.

Mr. Ed Williamson of De Queen and Jack Ambrose of Ada, Oklahoma were in the city Friday, and attended the Girls Cotillion dance on Friday evening.

Distinguished Company

Viewing the spot marked for the Long statue, one has to do no more than turn one's head to view the distinguished company. Huey will keep there—Robert E. Lee of Virginia, David Webster of New Hampshire, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, Henry Clay of Kentucky, Roger Williams of Rhode Island, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and a dozen more.

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## Church News

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. A. Cephus, Minister

Sunday is the last day we will have to attend the Lord's day worship in the year 1940. Therefore we make an appeal to all of our members to be present at that service. The old year will soon be gone with all of its blessings and opportunities. Shall we look back and view the record we have made in 1940?

Our subject for the morning service will be, "The Old Year, and the New." Sunday night our lesson will be, "God's Way Under Unrest."

Let us make our Bible classes the largest of the year. Bible study, 10 o'clock a.m. Young People's Bible Class, 6 p.m.

Preaching, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

A hearty welcome is awaiting you.

### GARRETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST

D. O. Silvey, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

B. T. C. at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mid-week Prayer Service on Wednesday night at 7:30.

Community singing Thursday night.

An invitation and welcome is extended to you to worship with us.

### With the

## Home Agent

Mary Claude Fletcher

### Hopewell Club

The Hopewell Demonstration club had their Christmas meeting with Mrs. Homer West which was an all day affair every one carried a covered dish that provided a most delightful lunch and lots of fun.

In the afternoon the meeting was called to order by our president and devotion by Mrs. Yarberry.

We had a very interesting meeting after which we exchanged Christmas gifts and agreed to meet with Mrs. Henry Fowler in January.

### What Defense

(Continued from Page One)

democrats contend over the question of whether aid for Britain actually means we are warring on the German people.

The wartime spirit is generally recognized by political leaders as a force for unity in any nation—a means of setting aside internal differences until the struggle is over.

Some observers suggest that the lag in defense production admitted by William Knudsen in his old job in the Defense Advisory Commission is due in some measure to the fact that neither workers nor industrial leaders today recognize our effort as an all-out wartime push. They do not have before them the image of military battle as did World War Americans.

Barney Burkh's post-war report on the war industries headed he headed said the ultimate success of the American war production effort depended more on the support by American public opinion of the war effort, than on the dictatorial powers with which congress clothed President Wilson.

There are legal differences, too.

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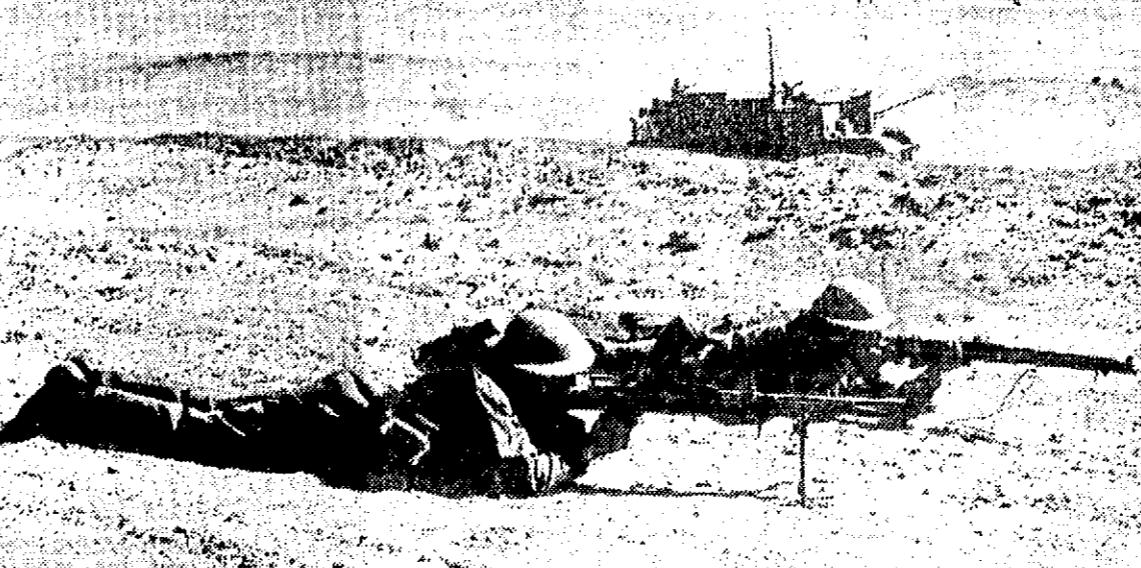
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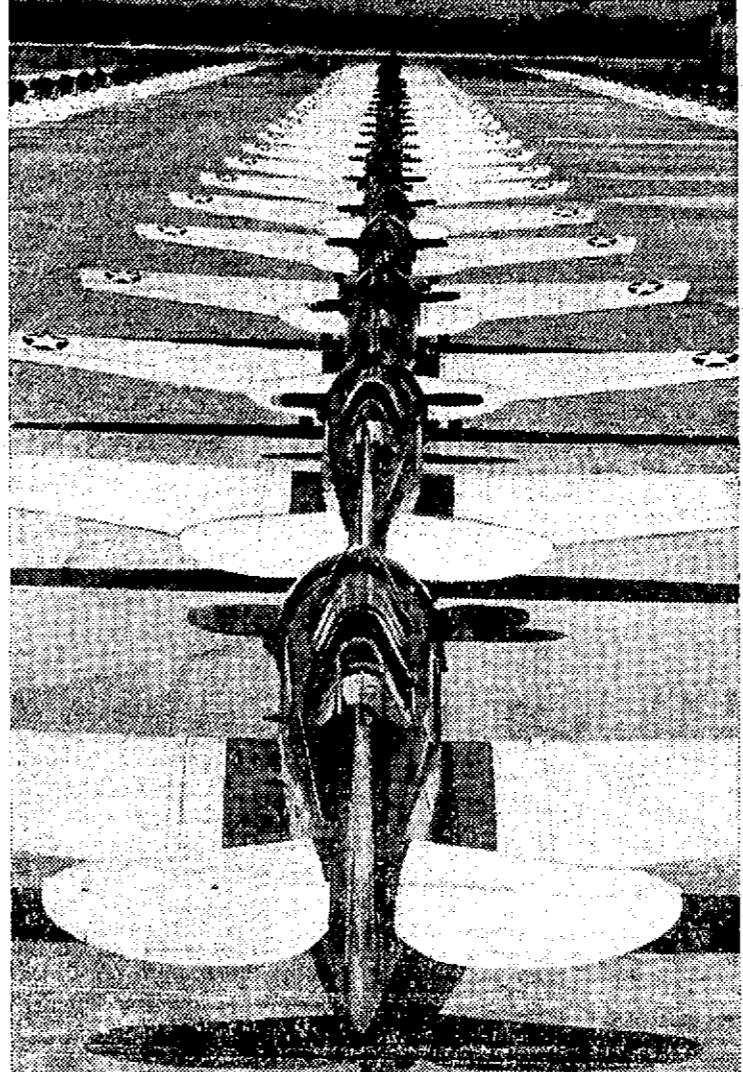
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## On the Firing Line in Egypt



British Tommies with Bren machine gun and rifle take up the firing line on the hottest of their far flung empire's many hot spots—Egypt. Attacking simultaneously from land, sea and air, British troops flung back toward Libya Italy's bogged-down thrusts at the Suez Canal lifeline.

## Aerial Centipede



Looking like a bird's-eye view of a gigantic, multi-winged insect, this line-up of over 300 training planes is awaiting the 500 flying cadets who will start basic training at Randolph Field, Tex., after the holidays. It will be the largest class ever to start at the army's "West Point of the Air."

## The Scoreboard



Sizing Up the Coaches of Bowl Game Elephants: Lenly Once Assistant to Crowley at Fordham and McKeen Played for Neyland at Tennessee

By DON SANDERS  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

Looking over the bowl coaches: Biff Jones, Nebraska—Maj. Lawrence McCahey Jones graduated from West Point in 1917, was on the coaching staff there from 1920-24, then went to Tennessee, where he became head coach in 1926. Went to Panama in 1935 for active army duty, retired in 1936 and returned to Tennessee. An engineer, he was once in charge of Muscle Shoals dam.

Frank Leahy, Boston College—Leahy played center and tackle for Rockne at Notre Dame, graduated in 1930. He was line coach at Georgetown, then joined Crowley at Michigan State, switched with him to Fordham, where he developed the Rams' blocks of granite lines. Has been head coach at B. C. two years, both of which brought the Eagles a bowl bid.

Allyn McKeen, Mississippi State—McKeen is a protege of Neyland, having starred at end for Tennessee from 1925 through '27. Has been head coach at Mississippi State since 1938.

Jack Hagerty, Georgetown—John L. Hagerty is strictly a Georgetown product. His first coaching job came in 1932, when he took over for his alma mater. The Hoyas went undefeated for 23 successive games before losing to Boston College this season.



## Nazi GHQ Is

## 'Panzer' on Rails

### German Army Has Rolling General Headquarters

AP Feature Service

BERLIN—A double-engined train pulls into a small station in France. Behind the engines is a flatcar with a crew around an anti-aircraft gun. The caboose is another anti-aircraft car. Between these two cars lies the rolling general headquarters of the German army.

In one of the cars sits Field Marshal General Walter von Brauchitsch, thin-wipped head of the German land forces.

This train is the cerebrum of the German military machine.

With its swiftly acting chief, it has toured most of the continent of Europe in the last fourteen months directly behind the crest of the German military wave. From the flat soggy wastes of middle Poland, to the swishing banches of the French Atlantic coast, the boss of millions of men has issued terse orders, received meaty military reports and coordinated the efforts of these millions to spell the military defeat of Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

Four crews serve with the train—anti-aircraft, military guards, technical personnel of the federal railroads and the signal corps experts.

The latter are the most important. Radio operators, teletypewriter operators, telegraphers, switchboard operators, and other assistants chosen from the outstanding pupils of the signal corps school have been on duty in the GHQ since the beginning of the war.

"Speed" Their Middle Name

Speed is their middle name. They still look back with pride, reports the "Wochensher Zeitung," on the day that their chief ordered a phone call put through from a forsaken spot in Poland.

## Commerce Goes in for Plastics

Vast Vault Is  
Referred to as  
'Hoover's Folly'

By JACK STINNETT  
WASHINGTON — The Department of Commerce is slap-happy over plastics. In the vast vaulted foyer of the department's building (sometimes referred to locally as "Hoover's Folly" because nobody up to that time had ever thought of Commerce as important enough to be housed in such an edifice) there now is on display as big an exhibition of plastics as Washington ever has seen.

There is everything from false teeth to brassieres; from milady's dainty pumps to football helmets that would stop the jar of a Kimbrough; from fragile-looking bits of costume jewelry to airplane windshields that toss machine-gum bullets aside like pellets from a bean-shooter.

What Plastics Are  
The day I was over there, there was a fellow standing around. I asked him: "Whaddya mean by plastics?" And his answer was: "Generally speaking, plastics are substances capable of being molded or otherwise fabricated (with coloring matter or a filler) into a desired solid form; this condition being obtained by a physical or chemical interaction between the molecules of a wide range of materials."

Well, no doubt he knew what he was talking about, but that seems to me to be putting it the hard way. Plastics are like radio—you can't explain them, but there they are. You take a little coal tar or hammered soybeans, mix them with a little air or water, run them through a press and you get everything from synthetic silk to gear-shift knobs.

The Chinese started making paper-mache about as far back as firecrackers, but since paper-mache wasn't an instrument of slaughter, it took civilization about ten centuries longer to figure out that it was a plastic and plastics were pretty hot stuff.

Now, after some 25 years of commercial development and about ten years of concentrated attention from both the men in the laboratories and those in the market places, plastics are coming into their own. When you comb your hair and brush your teeth and switch off your lights at night, the chances are ten to one you are using plastics.

When you shave the family jalopy into gear, you are using plastics. They are in your kitchen, they are on your clothes, and the Department of Commerce is doing its best to make you conscious of the fact. It even issues such figures as this: Ten years ago the output of synthetic resins amounted to approximately 31,000,000 pounds—ten years later, to 213,000,000 pounds.

Out Tut-ting King Tut  
And now we get down to what was to me is the most fascinating part of the commerce department exhibit—the work that Charles E. Cando of the Department of Agriculture has been doing with a synthetic resin that's a dead ringer for clear glass. He has been burying bugs and ears of corn and butterflies in blocks of this stuff and turning out preserved specimens that would out-live King Tut's mummy.

Cando, a 45-year-old bio-chemist, after several years of research has managed the feat of imbedding these specimens in an unscratchable clear plastic and retaining not only perfect form, even to the minute hairs on the legs of a tarantula, but perfect coloring. He has preserved frogs, snakes (with bared fangs), peacock feathers, spikes of wheat and oats and even moths, whose delicate coloring would be upset by any breeze strong enough to blow the dust off their wings.

Don't ask me how he does it. I only know that it is too expensive for commercialization and that not a jot of air or moisture is left in the embedded specimen. Scientists and medics already are tipping their berets to Dr. Cando and promising that it won't be long until you can illustrate your lectures on the absent appendix with glass-imbedded proof.

## Dixie Favored Over North

Third Annual  
Classic to Be  
Played Saturday

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(P)—Dixie's all-stars were installed by the betting fraternity Friday as favorites to defeat the North in the bird Blue and Gray football classic Saturday in this first capital of the Confederacy.

A capacity crowd of 17,000 was anticipated for the game that has arrayed for action some of the nation's finest gridironers. The footing in Cramton Bowl will be uncertain because of recent heavy rains, but the weather man forecasts a "pleasant day."

While the South was made the favorite—up to a touchdown—in downtown circles, Co-Coachers Lynn, Waldorf (Northwestern) and Carl Snavely (Cornell) told a luncheon club "we have a fine bunch of boys; the material to win with; and we think they'll do it." Just as confident were Co-Coachers Jess Neely (Rice) and Ray Wolf (North Carolina) of their "rebel" outfit.

All four frankly predicted "a wide-open game, with a lot of trick plays

"Snow Rollers"

When snow has just the right consistency, the wind sometimes rolls it into cylinder-shaped masses known as "snow rollers," which increase in size as they roll along.

In Miami the Professional Golfers Association is planning a match in which they hope to include the Duke of Windsor. Make it polo and he'll fall.

When the whirling dummy attains the proper speed the parachute is automatically released.

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